



Carnegie Shul Chatter

August 25, 2021



Light candles 7:41pm

Shabbat services 9:20am

High Holiday Services At Shul or At Home

Approximately 30 people have made reservations to attend our High Holiday services in person at our sanctuary in Carnegie. Attendees are being assigned seats that are socially distanced, and our Holiday protocols are intended to provide as safe an atmosphere as possible. If you have not yet made your reservations, please do so, so that we can finalize our seating chart.

If you prefer to attend our services on-line, you may do so by going to our new YouTube channel. It's like a TV channel specifically for the Shul. It will show any videos we have stored there and our live-streams. Anything currently live-streaming will show prominently. Here is

Just wondering...

As we learn in this week's Torah portion, "Moses concludes by telling the people that only today, forty years after their birth as a people, have they attained "a heart to know, eyes to see and ears to hear."

And even now, centuries later, do we have, "a heart to know, eyes to see and ears to hear." Sometimes I wonder.

Why do we still have a pandemic when we have a vaccine that can help to defeat it? Why won't people wear masks and socially distance when science tells us that it is the proper thing to do? Do our eyes and ears do not hear

Why is Israel such a politically divided country that it takes election after election to seat a government?

Why do we have Reform Jews, Conservative Jews, Modern Orthodox Jews, Chassidic Jews, Reconstructionist Jews and who knows how many other types of Jews? Do our eyes and ears not read and hear the same Torah, the word of God?

Just wondering.

the link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEPclkPbLDdBzGg-tiXITNA>

We thank Vice President Rick D'Loss for undertaking the set-up for our You Tube services.

Ki Tavo in a Nutshell

Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8

From Chabad.org

Moses instructs the people of Israel: When you enter the land that G-d is giving to you as your eternal heritage, and you settle it and cultivate it, bring the first-ripened fruits (bikkurim) of your orchard to the Holy Temple, and declare your gratitude for all that G-d has done for you.



Our Parshah also includes the laws of the tithes given to the Levites and to the poor, and detailed instructions on how to proclaim the blessings and the curses on Mount Gerizim and Mount Eival—as discussed in the beginning of the Parshah of Re'eh. Moses reminds the people that they are G-d's chosen people, and that they, in turn, have chosen G-d.

The latter part of Ki Tavo consists of the Tochachah (“Rebuke”). After listing the blessings with which G-d will reward the people when they follow the laws of the Torah, Moses gives a long, harsh account of the bad things—illness, famine, poverty and exile—that shall befall them if they abandon G-d's commandments.

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Minyan Makers

The Carnegie Shul has launched a new Minyan Makers program. The program is intended to help us ensure that we will be able to have a minyan each and every Sabbath so that we will always be able to read the Torah portion and so that our mourners will always be able to say Kaddish.

We are grateful to our Sabbath regulars who allow us to have a minyan most Saturdays, but occasionally we fall one or two people short of having a minyan.

Through the Minyan Makers program, we are asking our members who are not Sabbath regulars but live within a reasonable distance of our shul to voluntarily commit to attending services one Saturday each month. If four to eight members make this commitment, we will never have to worry about not having a minyan. An email announcing the Minyan Makers program was sent to those members residing in the Pittsburgh area this week.

So please, give us a couple of hours of your time once a month. You will be performing a very valuable mitzvah for yourself and for your shul. To become a Minyan Maker, email Roslyn Hoffman at rjlynman@yahoo.com.

High Holidays

This year we will conduct High Holiday Services both in Shul and on-line. Sadly, a recent surge in Covid cases in Allegheny County will require that we again have some restrictions on our in Shul services. Advance reservations will be required, masks will be required for all in attendance regardless of vaccination status, aliyah blessings will be recited from your seat rather than going up to the bimah, and Torahs will not be paraded through the sanctuary. We also request that you sit only in your assigned seat. Seats are assigned to maximize social distancing but last year some congregants sat in seats other than the ones to which they had been assigned, making others feel uncomfortable.

Here are the High Holiday schedules and protocols. Reservations can be made by sending an email to Mike Roteman at mrmike7777@yahoo.com. A streaming link will be provided soon.

The following protocols will apply for the High Holiday Services:

- 1. A face mask must be worn properly at all times even if you have been vaccinated. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 2. When you enter the Sanctuary, please go directly to your assigned seat. A prayer book will be waiting for you. Please leave the prayer book at your seat when departing from services.**
- 3. Do not walk around the Shul after you have taken your seat.**
- 4. Please bring your own yarmulke and tallis if you have one, and take them with you when you depart at the end of services. If you use one of the synagogue's yarmulkas or tallises, please leave them at your seat at the conclusion of services.**
- 5. Please maintain social distancing as you come and go from the synagogue.**
- 6. Please sanitize hard surfaces in the restrooms before and after each use with materials provided in the bathrooms.**
- 7. There will be no parading or kissing of the Torah. If you are given an Aliyah, you will recite the blessings at your seat, not on the Bimah. The reader will be the only one on the Bimah.**
- 8. The maximum number of participants will be 50. All participants will need to RSVP before the holidays. Seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.**
- 9. Please understand that space is limited. If you cannot attend after you have RSVPed, please let the Carnegie Shul know as soon as possible to allow for someone else to take your place.**
- 10. DO NOT attend services if you are not feeling well or if you have been exposed to someone who is a possible Covid-19 carrier, or if you have underlying health issues that may put you at greater risk of becoming infected.**

High Holiday Schedule

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 6

Evening Services 7:15 pm

Tuesday, September 7

Preliminary Service..... 8:30 am

Shacharis 9:00 am

Torah Reading 10:00 am

Sermon 10:45 am

Musaf 11:15 am

Recess 1:15 pm

Tashlich 6:15 pm

Minchah 7:00 pm

Maariv 7:15 pm

Wednesday, September 8

Preliminary Service..... 8:30 am

Shacharis 9:00 am

Torah Reading..... 10:00 am

Sermon 10:45 am

Musaf 11:15 am

Recess 1:15 pm

Minchah 7:00 pm

Maariv 7:15 pm

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 15

Kol Nidre 7:15 pm

Maariv 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 16

Preliminary Service..... 9:00 am

Shacharis 9:30 am

Torah Reading 10:30 am

Sermon 11:15 am

Yizkor 11:45 am

Musaf 12:15 pm

Recess..... 2:30 pm

Minchah 5:45 pm

Neilah 6:45 pm

Shofar 7:45 pm